

# Rotary

## Club of Eaglehawk



District 9800  
Victoria, Australia  
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# Annual Report

## 2023-2024



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PP Ron Payne and Deb

D9800  
District Governor  
2023/2024

*President  
Eric Smith*

It is with great pleasure that I present the President's report for the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk for the 2023 – 24 year.

District Governor Induction:

It is with much pride that a number of the Club members attended the District 9800 District Governor Changeover function at Highett Essendon Fields, Essendon, on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023, at which our own Ron Payne was inducted as the District Governor ably supported by Debbie, for the 2023-24 year, an exciting time for us all as members of this Club.

I acknowledge that we have had a District Governor from this club in the past, however, it has certainly been a privilege to be a member of the Club while Ron Payne holds the District Governor role. As a club it would be appropriate to congratulate Ron and Debbie on the work, they have nearly completed, during their year, which has been an enormous effort when you consider that they visited every Club within Rotary District 9800 at least once, and many official functions that occurred along the way, included the International Convention in Melbourne, and still found time to support this Club in many ways, including being available for, and assisting with, a number of our new member inductions. I also note that Ron and Debbie attended the International events in Florida, Melbourne and just recently Singapore, (the privilege of being a District Governor!!).

Our sincere congratulations and thankyou to Ron and Debbie for the extraordinary service above and well beyond, that you have both given as our District Governor for the 2023 – 24 year. A job well done.

District 9800 Conference "Gathering in the Goldfields":

The other major highlight for the year was the District 9800 Conference 2024, "Gathering in the Goldfields" Bendigo, over the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024, with the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk as the host Club.

The organising Committee of 15 consisted of District Governor Ron Payne, together with Eaglehawk Club members, John Jones (Chairman), Alison Bacon (Executive Officer), Debbie Payne (Catering Coordinator), Eric Smith (Volunteer Coordinator), Amanda Costello (Volunteer Assistant), and others from around the District 9800, who worked for 18 months to culminate in a very well presented and successful Conference.

There is a high level of agreement that, with David Mann AM as the MC, the Guest Speakers (of note Costa Georgiadis), the musical interludes by “country musicians” and being a little biased, the Commissioned Brass Band fanfare titled “With the Heart”, dedicated to all Rotarians, played by the Victorian State Youth Brass Band, the Showcase and the efficient running of the event, ensured that the Conference is considered by many as one of the best Conferences in a number of years.

It is noteworthy that our team of “Table Decorators” undertook an astounding effort to decorate the tables for the District 9800 Change Over and the District 9800 Conference formal dinner, producing displays that in both cases featured our Australian Bushland and electronically enhanced. A credit to the teams willingness to undertake the challenges. Our thanks to Marg Gallagher, Mandy Costello, along with others that travelled to the District Governor’s Changeover on the bus. For the District Conference Marg Gallagher, Mandy Costello, Barbara Leanne, Jenny, Mick and Geoffrey, great teams indeed. Thank you all for your outstanding efforts.

#### New Member Inductions:

Being President this year has been rewarding in many ways, not the least being the opportunity to induct new members. This year we have had the privilege of inducting one returning member, being Past President Gary Frank who ventured back after a short break. Gary was inducted on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

This next person Inducted was Gai Porh La Myint (GP), who first came to our attention as guest speaker (along with Moonieinda Ashin) for the Karen Community. Following this was a few further visits before discussions resulted in GP being invited to becoming a member. The induction of GP was undertaken on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023.

Carmel Fitzpatrick was the next new member. Carmel shifted back to Eaglehawk, following which a family member, Foundation Director Brian Fitzpatrick, suggested that she might like to become a member, which she agreed to. Carmel was subsequently invited to become a member and inducted on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024.

Barbara Leane has been a Rotarian in a number of locations, which aligned to her work commitments, however, she now finds herself living in Bendigo, and happened to be out shopping, coming across the Combined Rotary Clubs Christmas Trailer Raffle. Speaking with her for a while, Barbara was asked if she would like to attend a Dinner meeting, and the rest is history. Barbara was inducted on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

The latest inductee was Kylie Campbell. Kylie came as a visitor a little while back and showed interest in becoming a member. The interest started when her daughter, Courtney attended the National Youth Science Forum in Brisbane, earlier in the year. Kylie was inducted subsequently on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

#### Guest Speakers:

We have had great guest speakers this year with considerable variations and subject matter. We have been transported to many parts of the world, with our own members addressing the dinner meetings on highlights of their travels, which included, in no particular order, Greece, Italy, England, Scotland, France, parts of Europe and Norway. Other guests have given us a very informative view of travel to the Antarctic and wildlife photography in a number of locations including locally. On a local travel level we have heard about adventures along the western side of Australia by intrepid travellers Mick and Geoff. We have had the pleasure of visits from participants in Rotary Youth Programs, for example the Rotary Youth Sailing Challenge on the Tall Ship "One and All", as part of the International Convention Melbourne. Others visited following participation in the RYLA, and NYSF programs and other Rotary sponsored events. This year we have had the pleasure of the attendance of our exchange student, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Bendigo South, Ignacio Goicoa Gonda (Nacho) who has made regular visits, informing us about his family and home country of Spain as well as keeping us up to date with his adventures in Australia. Nacho, at a recent meeting, gave us an insight into his travels around parts of Western Australia with the Exchange Student Safari. It would be fair to say that Nacho has changed as a person while with us in Australia and one wonders how his family will find him when he returns home early in July. A complete change came when recently we had the pleasure of a visit from Merlyn Quaife. Merlyn is an accomplished opera singer and local Rotarian. It was great to hear her story, but even more of a surprise when she sang a couple of pieces from operas she has performed.

#### Community and other events:

We have had the opportunity to support our community in a variety of events. Highlight was the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of community stalwart Pierce Grenfell. Pierce was a charter member and Past President of this club, as well as an former mayor of the Borough of Eaglehawk. He has been a member of many Eaglehawk organisations over many years. Our club, along with several other organisations helped Pierce celebrate this milestone on several occasions, the culmination was being part of the Dahlia and Arts Festival Procession with Pierce, near the lead as the "star attraction".

Other events that we have been part of included festivals arranged by the Karen Community and assisting with the car parking at Great Stupa events. We have assisted the Eaglehawk Secondary College at several events including their RUOK day and Anniversary Party.

As has been a tradition over a number of years, the local Lions Club and ourselves work together to support the local Returned Serviceman's League, Anzac Day services particularly with the Gunfire Breakfast which brings a considerable number of the community together to recognise the service of our ex-military personnel.

We have undertaken many BBQ's that could only be achieved by the support of our members and on occasions others that have a connection with the Club. A sincere thankyou to everyone that help would be appropriate for the assistance given throughout the year.

A definite change of direction, when the club undertook some catering for the Council of Governors lunch, early in June, which was on this occasion, held at Camp Getaway, Axedale. With Geoff Gallagher at the lead, the team provided a two-course meal, complete with a roast and sweets, available on time and very much enjoyed by those present. It is certainly not something that we would usually undertake, however at the request of DG Ron Payne, we were happy to be of assistance. Thank you to the enthusiastic team of Geoff, Marg, John J, Alison, Barbara, Gai Porh La Myint, Carmel and Eric was passed on by the visitors with enthusiastic acclamation.

#### Summary:

This has been a rewarding year in many ways, particularly when you consider all the community events that we were part of, and the overseas projects that have been supported. The opportunities that have been afforded us as a club have been appreciated, as mentioned the District 9800 Change Over and District 9800 Conference. It was a privilege to be part of both of these events.

The fellowship displayed at meetings and other outings have showed that members are finding this area of service both appreciated and enjoyed. The question in my mind is have we achieved all that we intended? I believe we have had Rotary as a community organisation, out in the public while we have raised valuable funds and assisted a number of organisations at the same time. Could we have done more, probably, however we are not a particularly "young" club so you could consider that we have been able to do more than anticipated.

It could also be said that we may well have undertaken the tasks we have, in different ways and perhaps achieved considerably more. A thought to be considered.

Having said that, it is important that I pass on a few votes of appreciation. Firstly, to DG Ron Payne, thank you for asking me to take on the leadership of this club. To be truthful, at the time I didn't believe that I had the knowledge needed to undertake the role in Rotary. In another field not such a question. It has certainly been a challenge that I believe has been, at least to some level, achieved.

To the Board, it has been a privilege to be part of the team. It is not easy to support a club that has considerable experience and knowledge and stay on a more or less even keel. Thank you for taking the time to serve the club in this way, and to assist me throughout this term.

To the members of the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk, again thank you for the support for all the work that has been undertaken by yourselves as part of this enthusiastic team. I would also thank you for the work you undertake behind the scenes, which often goes unseen and unrecognised. I haven't a list of all the things undertaken but be assured that it is appreciated



Eric Smith  
President  
2023-24



## *International John Jones*

This year has been relatively quiet with respect to International programs with the major focus of the Club being on local community projects. A major achievement was the continuation of our Howard Osborne Scholarship for the Father Ray Foundation in Pattaya, Thailand. The Club has resolved to continue this program into the future to acknowledge the enormous contribution of the late PP Howard Osborne through the ROSE program.

The other major achievement was our commitment to education in Maubisse, Timor Leste through the scholarship program managed by Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Inc. We have three students attending UNTL, Dili this year undertaking tertiary studies as one graduated at the end of 2023. Our first tertiary scholarship student, Mizela, has graduated and is seeking to further her education with a focus on paediatric nursing.

The scholarship program is in a state of transition at the moment as the Timor Leste government has now decided to fund scholarships for tertiary students. There is, however, a new focus on vocational training and this can provide opportunities for support into the future as a facility is being constructed in Maubisse. Our relationship with, and support of, the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Inc will allow us to be across opportunities for continuing support.

Funding for the programs was generated through our trivia night, in association with the Rotary Club of Bendigo South, and part proceeds from the raffle of a dozen local wines.

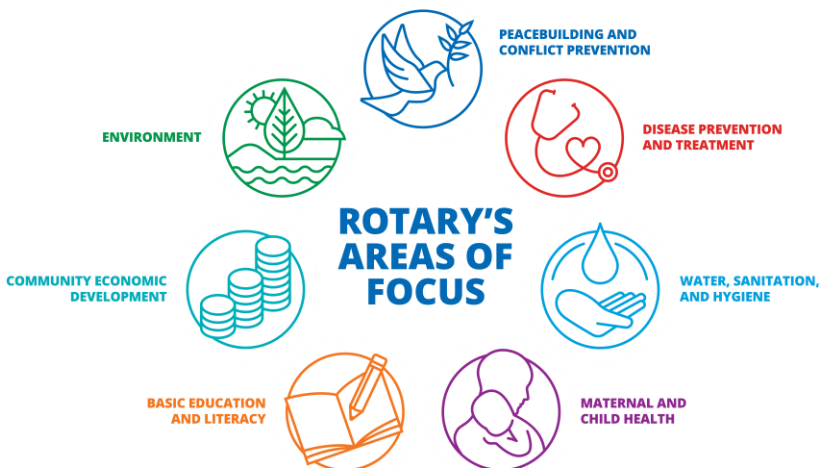
The induction of Gaiporh Lamyint (GP) in this Rotary year has provided an opportunity to further foster our relationship with the local Karen community with sponsorship of their cultural festival being a highlight.

In association with the Rotary Club of Bendigo South we hosted a Spanish exchange student, 'Nacho' and he has made a valuable contribution to our club. The Youth Exchange program encompasses both our Youth and International portfolios and, in particular, I extend my thanks to PP Mick Costello and Mandy for their enthusiastic support of Nacho during his time with us.



I extend my appreciation to President Eric, the Board and members for your enthusiastic support of our international programs.

PP John P Jones  
International Director  
2023-24



*Foundation*  
*Brian Fitzpatrick*



Our club has a strong history over the years of donating to the Rotary Foundation and this year we have continued that tradition with substantial contributions to both the Annual Fund and to Polio Plus.

Several local events throughout the year enabled our members the opportunity to learn more about the Foundation and many attended both the Polio Plus walk and the Foundation Dinner held in the Goldfields Cluster. The Conference Foundation Breakfast was also attended by some of our members where they heard about the

'Toilet Warrior' and details of the benefits of donations to the Foundation.

Thank you to those members who participated in any of these events, it's a valuable part of rotary and always of benefit to learn about our very own 'charity of choice'.

Brian Fitzpatrick  
Foundation Director  
2023-24



## *Youth Services*

### *Mick Costello*

It has been a productive year and great to see a range of youth programmes operating again.

#### National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

Our 11 Bendigo NYSF students attended either ANU or the University of Queensland on campus, undertaking NYSF activities with 500 other students from around Australia. They attended local Rotary Club meetings to report on their experiences. Our club received thank you letters from the participants and were published in our Bulletin. Our Clubs contribution of \$1,632 contributed to the participation and accommodation fees.

It was good news to hear follow up that two of our 22/23 NYSF students: Tait Poyser has a place at Monash University to study Biomedicine and Saad Sabri has a place at University of NSW to study Quantum Engineering for 2024. Well done to them both and it shows what a great start NYSF can provide.

Our 2024 NYSF attendees: Lea, Taleah, Erin, Courtney, Abbie and Nissa (all BSSC) attended our Eaglehawk RC March meeting to share their experiences. BSSC has also made a video of their experiences (available via the Bulletin) and I am also thrilled to hear that 3 of them have been accepted to NYSF to be 'staffie' at the next program in January 2025.

#### Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

Anatta Traiwongyoi participated at Camp Get Away in early December. RYLA gave her the opportunity to meet new friends and to develop her skills and confidence. We encourage her to stay connected with the Club.

#### The Rotary Exchange Program

Commencing in July 2023, Eaglehawk RC and Bendigo South RC shared the hosting of a student; Ignacio Goicoa Gonda (Nacho) from Vigo (Spain). This exchange was made possible by the generous support (again) from local host families (Andersons and Epskamp's and at times the Costello's) and the school placement (Girton). Nacho arrived late July and spent the first 6 months with our club, attending

weekly meetings, giving presentations and enlightening us about life in Spain. This program is made possible because of the invaluable support of a range of people/families and in particular the work 'behind the scenes' by members, John Jones, Ron Payne and Mick Costello.



Unfortunately, our club is unable to be involved in the 2024-2025 Rotary Exchange Program. The major hurdle being the ongoing challenge of sourcing host families from within our club or families closely connected to our club.

#### Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)

The weekend camp took place at Doxa in Malmsbury (in March and it operates again in October). We resumed our connection with ESC to send 2 Karen students who currently attend Eaglehawk Secondary College and 1 Karen student who attends Crusoe SC. The students' names are: Lily, Hser Moo, Thaw Thaw Wah. Many thanks to John Pearce and Cathie Miller for transporting these students to/from Malmsbury. The E.S. College staff are very keen to support these leadership programs for their students, so this will continue into 2024. We are hoping this is the beginning of Karen students regularly participating in RYPEN - bigger and better things, connecting our communities together.

#### Teamwork with our Cluster Youth Directors

This programme continues to be highly successful as the five Bendigo Youth Directors, plus those from Rochester, Echuca and Castlemaine, meet quarterly to share ideas, pool resources, and generally encourage us all to continue the Rotary Youth work. The minutes of Combined Youth Directors meetings are passed on to all RC members via the Bulletin.

As a club we again supported the Imagination Library fundraising event, providing free breakfast for all attendees at the golf fundraising day on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The collective efforts of all involved raised approximately \$15,500. With this significant sum, it is estimated that over 1,700 books will soon be placed into the eager hands of more than 300 children across the region. Thanks also to John Jones for his communication and making the links between our club and supporting this valuable programme.

We were again active with the School Scholarship Program, providing scholarships to the total value of \$300.00 to our local schools (California Gully Primary School, Eaglehawk Primary School, Eaglehawk North Primary School, Lightning Reef Primary School, St. Liborius Primary School and Raywood Primary School). In addition, we again provided \$1200.00 in Scholarships for Eaglehawk Secondary College.



These youth programmes represent a collective effort by Club members. Without our fundraising activities, and enthusiasm to assist future leaders, we would be unable to provide the Rotary youth opportunities to our future students.

I would like to thank our club members for their continued support for our Club's activities, particularly the support for our youth programmes.

PP Mick Costello  
Youth Director  
2023-24

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## *Membership*

### *Mick Costello*

It is with great pleasure I report that we have 4 new members that been inducted to our club over the last 12 months.



Carmel Fitzpatrick. Carmel is returning to Eaglehawk as a local once again. It is great to have you with us Carmel. With your welcoming smile, positive attitude and your local knowledge, you will be a true asset to our club too.

Welcome Barbara Leane. Barb has previously been a member of Rotary. She has lived in Bendigo for a short while and we convinced her to join Eaglehawk Rotary. Barb has a wealth of knowledge of Rotary history, is a great cook and brings a great sense of humour to our meetings. Thanks for choosing to join the RC of Eaglehawk Barb.



Kylie Campbell. Kylie has recently moved to Eaglehawk and wanted to volunteer in her local community. She has already volunteered her services for many fundraisers. Kylie brings youth and lots of enthusiasm to our club. Welcome Kylie.

Gai Porh La Myint (GP) also brings youth and lots of enthusiasm to our club. She has such a positive approach to all she does. GP has strong connections with her local Bendigo Karen Community, which then connects our Club to the local Karen Community too. It is a relationship that we hope continues to develop and thrive. She volunteers tirelessly for her community and was recognised as the Eaglehawk Citizen of the Year in January 2024. Thanks for joining us GP.



PP Mick Costello  
Membership Director  
2023-24

## *Fellowship*

### *Lindsay Walkington*

I am delighted to present the fellowship report for the 2023/2024 year, highlighting the camaraderie and community within our club.

Through the last year, several fellowship events have been organized, each offering unique opportunities for members to bond and connect. These events are important in fostering a sense of belonging and solidarity among our club members. Among the highlights were visits to local hotels for meals, a delightful pizza day at St. Anne's Winery, and two memorable bonfire nights, generously hosted by, Gary and Lola Frank. These gatherings provided great moments for members to relax, unwind, and enjoy each other's company amidst our busy schedules.

Undoubtedly in the last 12 months, finding suitable dates for fellowship events amidst our packed calendar presented its challenges. However, we still managed to carve out some time for these experiences. It should be noted that fellowship extends beyond organized events, it



encompasses the everyday interactions and acts of support shared among club members. Whether it's collaborating on service projects or simply lending a helping hand, these moments of camaraderie strengthen the fabric of our club community.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to nurturing fellowship within our club and exploring new avenues to foster connections among members. As we continue our journey of service, let us remember the value of camaraderie and the importance of coming together as a united force for good.

Lindsay Walkington  
Fellowship Director  
2023-24



## *Community Service*

### *Geoff Gallagher*

After a slow start to the new Rotary year things quickly got moving. In August some members assisted with the Regional Engineering Challenge.

September saw members assist with "Run for Dad"; a fun run held on Father's Day which raises much needed funds for prostate cancer.

The Combined trailer raffle in association with the Rotary Club of Bendigo South commenced. Members were involved with planning and delivering the trailer to various venues as well as delivering raffle books and collecting money from our various selling partners.

Karen Culture Showcase: was held on Saturday 23rd September, our club helped sponsor and assisted with various activities for this wonderful community event.

We ran a successful Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 28 October

Friday 10 – Sunday 12 November saw our club assist the combined Rotary Clubs of Bendigo with catering at the Bendigo Swap Meeting. Many thanks to the combined committee for their incredibly hard work in getting this organized for many years.

BBQ catering to celebrate the 150 years of the Eaglehawk Fire Brigade was held on Saturday 7th October:

Woodvale Bush Market – Rotary bookstall: Saturday 14th October:

Great Stupa- Vegecarian Festival – Saturday 14th October – car parking

Friday 17th November - Eaglehawk Children's Festival where we cooked a BBQ.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of November we put our catering skills into real use. We catered for CFA Operations after a fire at Golden Square.

The members who assisted undertook the task capably at very short notice.

The Emergency Service personnel from all over a wide area certainly appreciated a well-cooked sausage before they went home or back onto the fireground.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, we catered for the Fortuna Group (which is the CFA from our area) when they held a Training Day at our clubrooms.

November saw The Nativity scene erected in Vinnies front window.

Great Stupa car parking - Saturday 2nd December.

Installation of Christmas Trees and lights at the Eaglehawk Town Hall on 2nd December.

Friday 8 December - Borough Block Party BBQ

Sunday 10 December - Eaglehawk Community Christmas Carols where we assisted in setting up and removing the decorations at the sound shell.

Eaglehawk Secondary College Orientation BBQ breakfast for incoming Year 7 students was held on Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Trailer Raffle draw was held on Thursday 22nd December, we catered for a supper to thank the raffle partners.

Foodshare food distribution was held at the "Mechanics" on Thursday 28th December. Thanks to the members who assisted on the day.

We got the calendar year off to a good start with a Bunnings BBQ followed by the Eaglehawk Community Australia Day celebrations, where we organised breakfast in Canterbury Park along with the presentation of the Eaglehawk citizen of the year. This was well attended with an estimated 200 + in attendance. The highlight was the performance of the "Don dance" by the Karen Cultural troupe.

We catered for the CFA competitions early in February and a small BBQ for netball registrations. In March our entry into the Dahlia and Arts procession in collaboration with the Eaglehawk Citizens Brass Band was a wonderful success. We organised and honoured our Charter Member, and well known Eaglehawk identity Pearce Grenfell, in the Eaglehawk festivals annual parade. Pearce had recently celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

We had a couple of BBQs for the Eaglehawk Secondary College one for their swimming carnival and one for Borough Day.

The planned BBQ for "O week" at the La Trobe university was postponed due to a total fire ban.

Friday 22nd March, we cooked a BBQ breakfast for the Imagination Library.

Friday 29th March – (Good Friday) was a pop-up Book store held in Bendigo as part of the Bendigo Easter Fair.

Saturday 30th March another successful Bunnings BBQ.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 14th April was the District 9800 Conference in Bendigo where members assisted to help make it a success.

20th April – Water festival/ Thingyan celebration and releasing of birds and fishes for Merit- Karen Community, this event was attended by several members.

Anzac Day we again cooked a gunfire breakfast in partnership with the Eaglehawk Lions Club. This was very well attended by members. Both events were a great way to "wave the Rotary flag."

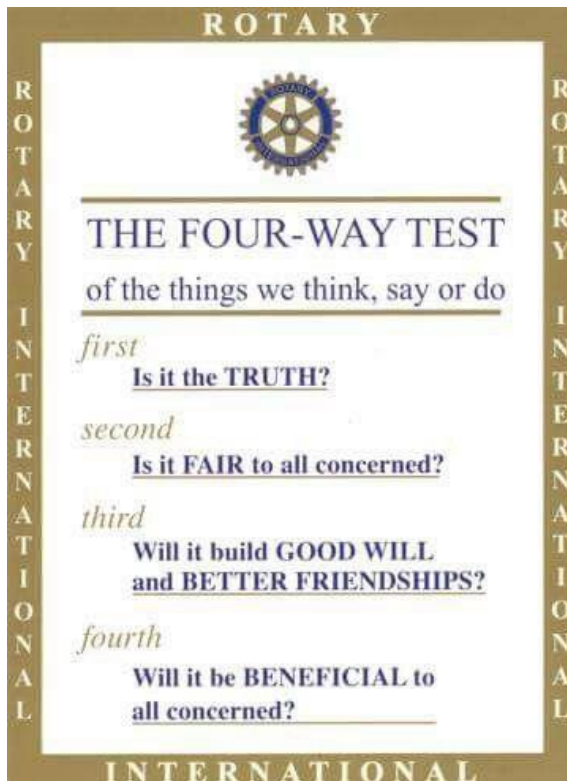
The staffing of the Eaglehawk football gate has commenced again and has so far been well supported by members.



May 18<sup>th</sup> we organised car parking at the Great Stupa's "Illumin8 Festival".

At the time of putting this report together we still have another Bunnings BBQ, catering for the D9800 Council of Governor's lunch and catering for a Mopar's function, before our changeover.

PP Geoff Gallagher  
Community Services Director  
2023-24



## *Rotary Book Shop*

### *Rita O'Brien*

A short history from Book Sales 2011 to Book Shop 2024.

In 2011-12 Lola Miller and Gordon McKern together with a roster of Rotary volunteers operated the Rotary Book Sales at the vacated St. Peter's Church in High Street Eaglehawk. It had 2,500 books from the "Friends of Bendigo Library" and traded 10am – 12pm Saturdays. When services resumed at the church the remaining books were stored in the Miller's garage. In 2014 after the closure of "Our Place" a bushfire relief centre that operated in Bill's closed pharmacy (O'Brien's Pharmacy), the books were retrieved and a 'pop up' book shop was set up at the premises by Lola, Gordon, Howard Osborne, John Haugh, John Gurr and other club members. In its first year the Rotary Book Shop trading on Saturdays from 10am – 12pm made sales of \$2,968. The book shop has continued to trade on Saturdays with John Gurr.

Last year the book shop extended its opening hours to open on Wednesdays from 10am - 1pm with the wonderful help of Mandy Costello and Carmel Fitzpatrick. Sales and donations continued to increase with the longer trading hours and in 2023-24 sales had climbed to \$13,000.

This year the book shop participated in the annual market at Woodvale with Carmel and Mandy running the stall. It was a great promotion for the Bookshop. The Rotary Bookshop also had a stall at the Bendigo Easter Festival's Good Friday Market. Gary Frank (organiser), Brian Fitzpatrick, John Gurr and many volunteers from the club enjoyed their time at the very successful event.

The Rotary Bookshop, is a community project, it reuses and recycles books, raises money for local community Rotary projects and raises awareness of our club, who we are and what we do in the community.

Thank you to my family for their interest and support.



Rita O'Brien  
Rotary Bookshop  
2023-24

## *Mechanics Facility – Home of Eaglehawk Rotary*

Our 'Mechanics' is a wonderful facility, a council owned asset which is managed by the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk through an ongoing management agreement with the City of Greater Bendigo.

The facility continues to provide a great 'home' for our club, being used weekly for our club meetings. Pleasingly, we have continued to provide regular user groups with a great facility that is meeting their needs. Being available for casual hire has seen many family celebrations such as birthdays, wedding anniversaries and reunion functions being held regularly. Extremely popular over the last couple of years have been 'gender reveals' and '1<sup>st</sup> birthdays' – the facility is great for these types of family gatherings.

An upgrade to our IT system now provides a large drop down projector screen in the main hall for presentations along with a great large screen TV in the meeting room.

We continue to encourage our neighbouring Rotary clubs to take advantage of the facility as we generously offer it free of hire fees for most Rotary events.

A regular assessment of maintenance requirements is addressed monthly as a continued commitment to our management agreement – it's essential to ensure that the facility is presented well. Supporting this commitment we have a weekly cleaning contract with a local cleaner and also a regular visit by a handyman service.

PP Alison Bacon  
Mechanics Facility Hire  
2023-24



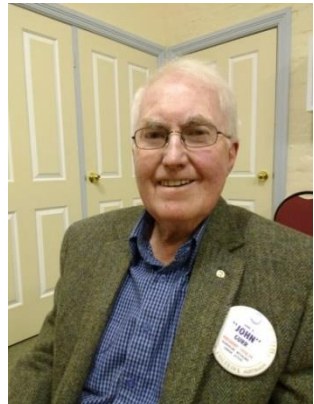
## *Club Service*

The running of any club or organisation requires a dedicated band of people who work together as a team to ensure that all the dots end up on the i's and the crosses on the t's. It is important to recognise two of our members who regularly undertake specific tasks for the club that enables our weekly meetings to keep ticking along seamlessly.



Our thanks to Charlie Cunneen who is the face of our club meetings, greeting everyone on arrival and ensuring the 'Welcome to Rotary' flag is flown high.

And our thanks also to PP John Gurr, our longest standing member who has, for some time now, taken a leadership role in the cashier duties, always ensuring that payments for meals, fees and charges are accurate and expertly recorded.



## *Donations & Grants*

### *2023 - 2024*

Backpacks for Kids	\$1000.00
Burra Day	\$109.30
Combined Clubs Maubisse Knitting Program	\$1216.64
Community Groups – Swap Meet Proceeds	\$7020.00
Zonta Club Bendigo	
Junortoun Fire Brigade	
City of Greater Bendigo Brass Band	
Golden Square Football/Netball Club	
Scout Association of Bendigo	
Eaglehawk Y Services	
Veteran Vintage & Classic Car Club	
Bendigo Kiwanis Club	
Bendigo Chorale	
Friends of Bendigo Kilmore Rail Trail	
Bendigo Regional Women of Note	
Community Groups - Christmas Raffle Proceeds	\$8,750.00
Central Victorian Women's Choir	
City of Greater Bendigo Brass Band	
Dragons Abreast Bendigo	
Heartbeat	
Inner Wheel Bendigo	
Riding for Disabled	
Wildlife Rescue	
Dolly Parton Imagination Library	\$3000.00
Eaglehawk Brass Band	\$1000.00
Eaglehawk CFA	\$1000.00
Eaglehawk Community House	\$500.00
Eaglehawk Secondary College Transition Breakfast	\$265.00
Eaglehawk Secondary College RUOK day	\$1138.38
Eaglehawk Secondary College Scholarships	\$1200.00
Father Ray Foundation (Howard Osborne Scholarship)	\$2000.00
Fred Hollows Foundation	\$500.00

Imagination Library Committee (Swap Meet Partner)	\$928.00
Imagination Library Golf Day Catering	\$250.00
Karen Community Day	\$5000.00
Lightning Reef Primary School	\$815.22
Malayan Teacher Program	\$1000.00
Maubisse Scholarships	\$5350.00
National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)	\$1632.00
Phoenix FM	\$500.00
Primary School Scholarships	\$300.00
Rotary End Polio Now	\$3000.00
Rotary Foundation	\$5000.00
Rotary Youth Leadership Program (RYLA)	\$950.00
Royce Abbey Award	\$1195.00
RYPEN	\$891.00
Science Experience	\$210.00
SES – Bendigo Unit	\$1000.00
Woodvale CFA	\$2500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$59220.54</b>





## *Paul Harris Fellows*

### **Current Members**

John Gurr	June 2004
John Jones	June 2012
Mary Preston	October 2012
Rita O'Brien	November 2012
Lynne Cooper	May 2014
Charlie Cunneen	June 2016
Ronald Payne	June 2018
Alison Bacon	April 2019
Geoffrey Adcock	June 2020
Gary Frank	June 2021
Trevor Lock	July 2021
John Pearce	July 2021
Mick Costello	July 2022

### **Past Members & Community Representatives**

Thomas Rothacker *	June 1978
Albert Roy *	June 1981
Alan Bull	June 1983
Kenneth A. Burch *	June 1987
Ernest W. Miller *	June 1988
Jack Taylor *	June 1988
Francis D. Harvey *	June 1989
Stanley J Spencely *	June 1989
Gordon J. McKern *	June 1990
Joseph H. Miles *	June 1990
Leon Maxwell Scott	June 1991
Anita Mary McKern *	June 1993
Lindsay H. Roberts	June 1993
John W. Brook *	June 1994
Bill O'Brien *	June 1995
John Haugh *	June 1995
Colin Hutchieson	December 1995
Julie Hutchieson	December 1995
Vincent J. Walshe *	June 1996

## *Paul Harris Fellows*

Ann Scott	May 1997
Joseph Cogo *	June 1998
Ralph Weeks*	June 1998
Bill M. Slee *	May 2000
Robert J. Layton	June 2000
Ronald Moss	July 2001
Doug Poole	May 2002
Howard Osborne *	July 2002
Peter Ludeman *	June 2003
William J. Orde *	June 2003
Douglas Harrison	August 2003
David Dolman	June 2004
Vivienne Osborne	June 2006
Walter Lourie	June 2008
Alfred Thorpe	June 2008
June Layton	June 2009
Lola Miller *	April 2010
Graeme Lock	June 2010
Rodney Hanson	September 2010
Leonie Adamson	June 2011
Peter Cox	May 2012
Colin Anderson	January 2012
David Richards	June 2013
Jillian Barker	May 2014
Leslie Dingfelder	May 2014
Elizabeth Dingfelder	June 2014
Maureen Lougoon *	December 2014
Leon McGlashan	April 2015
Jack Millonig *	July 2015
Heather Ridge	September 2019
Carolyn Robinson	June 2020
Debbie Payne	June 2023
Amanda Costello	June 2023

## *Eagle Award*



An award donated by the Sutcliffe Family, to be awarded to a non-board member who has given outstanding service to the club during the year.

1985-86	John Haugh	2005-06	Charles Cunneen
1986-87	Des Harvey	2006-07	Heather Ridge
1987-88	Lindsay Roberts	2007-08	Rita O'Brien
1988-89	Colin Hutchieson	2008-09	Doug Harrison
1989-90	Jeff Lougoon	2009-10	Bill Slee
1990-91	John Brook	2010-11	Maureen Lougoon
1991-92	Stan Spencely	2011-12	Doug Poole
1992-93	John Gurr	2012-13	Rita O'Brien
1993-94	Peter Ludeman	2013-14	Leon Scott
1994-95	Len Hands	2014-15	David Dolman
1995-96	Joe Miles	2015-16	Leon McGlashan
1996-97	Ralph Weeks	2016-17	Walter Lourie
1997-98	Alan Bull	2017-18	Mick Costello
1998-99	Leon Scott	2018-19	Graeme Lock
1999-00	Trevor Lock	2019-20	Geoff Gallagher
2000-01	Hans Siegloff	2020-21	Trevor Lock
2001-02	Lesley Siegloff	2021-22	John Gurr
2002-03	Walter Lourie	2022-23	Lynne Cooper
2003-04	Gordon McKern	2023-24	
2004-05	Graeme Lock		

## *Past Presidents*

1966-67	Arch Vincent *	1996-97	Noel Wicks*
1967-68	Tom Rothacker *	1997-98	Len Hands
1968-69	Fred Straub *	1998-99	Bill Slee *
1969-70	Pierce Grenfell	1999-00	Wayne McAuliffe
1970-71	Bill O'Brien *	2000-01	Doug Harrison
1971-72	Ken Burch *	2001-02	Alf Thorpe
1972-73	Roy Parker	2002-03	Hans Siegloff
1973-74	Alan Bull	2003-04	Bill Peterson
1974-75	Bill Miller *	2004-05	Rob Layton
1975-76	Ray Jackson *	2005-06	Walter Lourie
1976-77	Joe Miles *	2006-07	Peter Cox
1977-78	Jim Evans *	2007-08	Doug Poole
1978-79	John Gurr	2008-09	Alf Thorpe
1979-80	Bill Slee *	2009-10	John Jones
1980-81	Ken Gullick *	2010-11	Geoff Adcock
1981-82	Gordon McKern *	2011-12	Colin Hutchieson
1982-83	Leon Scott	2012-13	Colin Anderson
1983-84	Lindsay Roberts	2013-14	Ron Payne
1984-85	Keith Allcock	2014-15	Richard Epskamp
1985-86	Stan Spencely *	2015-16	Carolyn Robinson
1986-87	Vin Walshe *	2016-17	Ron Payne
1987-88	Bill Orde *	2017-18	Alison Bacon
1988-89	John Haugh *	2018-19	Alison Bacon
1989-90	Gordon Forbes *	2019-20	John Jones
1990-91	Howard Osborne *	2020-21	Michael Costello
1991-92	Wilf Conboy	2021-22	Gary Frank
1992-93	Rob Layton	2022-23	Geoff Gallagher
1993-94	Ron Moss	2023-24	Eric Smith
1994-95	Jeff Lougoon *		
1995-96	David Dolman		

\*Deceased

*Members as at  
30<sup>th</sup> June, 2024*

Adcock Geoff	
Bacon Alison	(Darren)
Campbell Kylie	(Kevin)
Cooper Lynne	
Costello Mick	(Mandy)
Cunneen Charlie	(Mary)
# Dolman David	(Nola)
Fitzpatrick Brian	(Gail)
Fitzpatrick Carmel	
Frank Gary	(Lola)
# Doug Harrison	
Gai Porj La Myint	
Gallagher Geoff	(Marg)
Gurr John	
Jones John	(Marjorie)
Leane Barb	
# Layton Rob	(June)
Lock Trevor	(Marie)
O'Brien Rita	
# Parker Roy	
Payne Ron	(Debbie)
Pearce John	(Nicole Ellerton)
Preston Mary	(Laurie)
Sanderson Jenny	
Smith Eric	
# Spencely Jan	
Walkington Lindsay	(Margaret)
Watts Tim	(Sue)

# Honorary Member





2024-2025 Rotary Year  
D9800 District Governor  
**Michael Lapina**

**EAGLEHAWK ROTARY BOARD  
MEMBERS**

President/Treasurer	Alison Bacon
Immediate Past/Vice President	Eric Smith
President Elect	
Secretary	John Jones
Board Member	Geoff Gallagher
Board Member	Brian Fitzpatrick
Board Member	